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- a. Sokolovski will return to the ACA when that body again becomes a de facto governing organ; specifically "when you are ready to dissolve Bizenda". If Germany remains divided there is no point in the continuance of the ACA.
- b. Both Russians dismissed as ridiculous the possibility of an armed conflict but they were concerned with the possible results of several minor incidents in the present explosive atmosphere. The "Berlin situation is a purely local matter". Korolov stated that he summarized his views in the 1 April issue of Pravda.
- c. The interception of US military trains was explained as "a frontier regulation, an administrative matter, which has been blown up to an international incident by the Americans". On the other hand, it is well known that US trains are used to transport German officer spies.
- d. The Russian newsmen denied the mass movement and evacuation of Soviet dependents and pointed out that families are still arriving. Korolov stated categorically that his family and the families of other correspondents are remaining in Berlin.
- e. Korolov made known that the SSB (Soviet News Bureau) will forward within the next few days an official request for a tour of the American Zone of Soviet correspondents in July 1948.

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